

To give at last where always we have taken
 . . .
 And still are taking even now your grieving.
 Our loved one so much more is loved when
 gone, so unwarned gone.
 Forgive us this, our trespassing, and near-
 ness to him wanting.
 Too undreamed were we of such nightmarish
 thing.
 Unwilling now to part, to break apart, to
 lose so soon, too sadly soon . . .
 In memory enough to keep his faith, his love
 that gave with heart's whole love . . .
 His mind that gleaned from all the good,
 from all the harvest of our history . . .
 Enough to hold his soul's warm dedication,
 His love of peace and laughter sunning,
 His giving, selfless giving of all that one can
 give?
 Please, God, it can be so.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
 CALVIN H. ELAM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brigadier General Calvin H. Elam on the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Air National Guard. The first African American general officer of the South Carolina Air National Guard, General Elam currently serves as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air of the South Carolina National Guard at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina.

General Elam's retirement marks the end of 25 years of service in the Air National Guard. Commissioned in December 1988 when he graduated from the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science, he has served in numerous capacities, including as Commander and Deputy Commander of the 169th Mission Support Group, Commander of the 169th Maintenance Squadron, and Chief of Supply of the 169th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Prior to his commissioning, he spent six years on active duty; culminating in his service as a Contracting Specialist. He is highly decorated, having earned, among several other awards and commendations, the Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal.

A native of Greenwood, South Carolina, General Elam is a graduate of the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Marketing. Now residing in Irmo with his wife, Mary, and their three children, General Elam is a pillar of the community. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Elam Financial Group, conducting retirement planning, wealth management, and life and estate planning. He also serves on the Clafflin University Board of Trustees and is Chairman of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee.

While General Elam's military service is coming to an end, I have no doubt that his service in other spheres will continue apace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating General Elam on this milestone and wishing him well in his much-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING MS. STEPHANIE
 CHEN

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Ms. Stephanie Chen's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Stephanie in Congress and wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE
 OTIS PIKE

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Congressman Otis Grey Pike, who represented New York's First Congressional District for eighteen years and passed away on January 20, 2014.

Born on August 31, 1921, in Riverhead, New York, Otis was orphaned at a young age and was subsequently raised by two sisters and an aunt. Overcoming his early losses, he finished his primary and secondary education in the Riverhead public schools and enrolled at Princeton University.

In 1942, Otis put his studies on hold to serve our country as a United States Marine. During World War Two he was a fighter pilot who flew 120 missions and won five air medals. After the war Otis returned to his studies, ultimately graduating from Columbia Law School in 1948.

Upon completing law school, Otis returned to Riverhead, where he began practicing law and became a Justice of the Peace in his home town in 1954.

Otis decided to run for Congress in 1958, having become fascinated with politics as a teenager. Although his first bid was unsuccessful, he was elected to the House in 1960. When voters send someone to Congress, they expect that person to be their advocate. And an advocate is exactly what the residents of New York's First Congressional District got when they sent Otis Pike to Washington.

Otis first gained national attention for his advocacy in 1967, when he spoke out about the military spending too much for small parts that he believed could be purchased at greatly reduced rates. The awareness he raised helped lead to changes in the Pentagon's purchasing procedures. In 1969, Otis led a subcommittee investigation into North Korea's seizure of the *Pueblo*, a United States intelligence ship.

In 1975, Otis became the Chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. While serving in this role, he took on the intelligence community in a way Congress had not previously attempted. He led the first Congressional investigation into the Central Intelligence Agency, which resulted in a report calling for greater Congressional oversight of intelligence operations. After being blocked from public disclosure by the full House of Representatives, the report was leaked by the media.

During his tenure in Congress, which ended in 1979, Otis was also instrumental in the passage of legislation that helped shape the Long Island we know today. Among his most important legacies was securing enactment of the law creating the Fire Island National Seashore.

Otis was well-liked, admired and respected in Congress, and he was also known for his love of bowties. While on the campaign trail, he had often carried a banjo and ukulele to create songs about opponents public policy issues. Upon his retirement from the House, he devoted greater time to writing and became a syndicated columnist for Newhouse Newspapers, a post he held for twenty years.

On a personal note, I will never forget the kindness Otis extended to me when I first ran for his former seat and every subsequent occasion I had the pleasure of speaking with him.

Otis was predeceased by his first wife, Doris Orth, and a son, Robert Pike. He is survived by his second wife, Barbe Bonjour Pike, his daughter, Lois Pike Eyre, his son, Douglas Pike, and two grandchildren. I would like to express condolences to the Pike family on behalf of the residents of New York's First Congressional District, both past and present.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman Pike was a dedicated and highly effective public servant who made an indelible impression on Congress and on New York's first district. He enjoyed an impeccable reputation as one of Long Island's longest serving representatives in Congress and will always be remembered as one whose career should serve as a model for all who engage in public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of January 13, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 12: H.R. 1513, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 13: S. 230, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 14: H.R. 2274, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 15: H.R. 801, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 16: Journal Vote, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 17: H.R. 2860, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 18: H.R. 1233, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 19: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question to H.R. 3547, "nay";
 Rollcall No. 20: H. Res. 458, "no";
 Rollcall No. 21: Concurring in the Senate Amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 3547, "yea";
 Rollcall No. 22: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 3362, "yea"; and
 Rollcall No. 23: Final Passage of H.R. 3362, "nay."

RECOGNIZING AL FRACASSA

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I seek recognition on behalf of Al Fracassa, head coach